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Dr. Walker will speak to the women's golf team.

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**STATESBORO** – Georgia Southern's Ashley Walker Colquitt will speak to the Eagle women's golf team via Zoom April 29 as part of the APEX (Athletes Preparing for Employment Experiences) Career Speaker Series.

Dr. Walker began her role with the graduate college in June of 2017 and currently serves as the Dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Dr. Walker also holds faculty appointment in the Department of Health Policy and Community Health in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. She arrived at Georgia Southern as a faculty member in 2010 and prior to her tenure at Georgia Southern she has served as faculty at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of North Texas. She also worked in the Division of Student Affairs at Texas A&M in College Station as a health educator. Dr. Walker is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and has contributed research in areas centered around community based participatory research, adolescent health, and disability health.

The Career Speaker Series is an ongoing event throughout the academic year. Through a partnership with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, student-athletes from each athletics program choose a topic and date for their speaker, and the APEX program coordinates a 45-minute meeting via Zoom with a professional in the chosen career through its Eagle Outreach Program. Speakers will talk about the process to obtain a career in their field and the necessary skill set required to

excel. Examples of careers discussed are Banking/Finance, Real Estate, Marketing/Sales, Criminal Justice, Entrepreneurship, Business/Corporate America, Accounting and Construction.

The Career Speaker series is another component of the APEX programming curriculum designed to help prepare Georgia Southern student athletes for the ultimate challenge after their playing careers- life. Led by Senior Associate Athletics Director Student-Athlete Development [Gleen Hart](#) and Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration [Tracy Ham](#), the APEX program fosters the holistic growth of all Georgia Southern student-athletes based on four pillars: life skills, leadership development, career growth and community engagement. The vision statement of the program is to "develop confident and independent leaders to win in their careers, communities and households."

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